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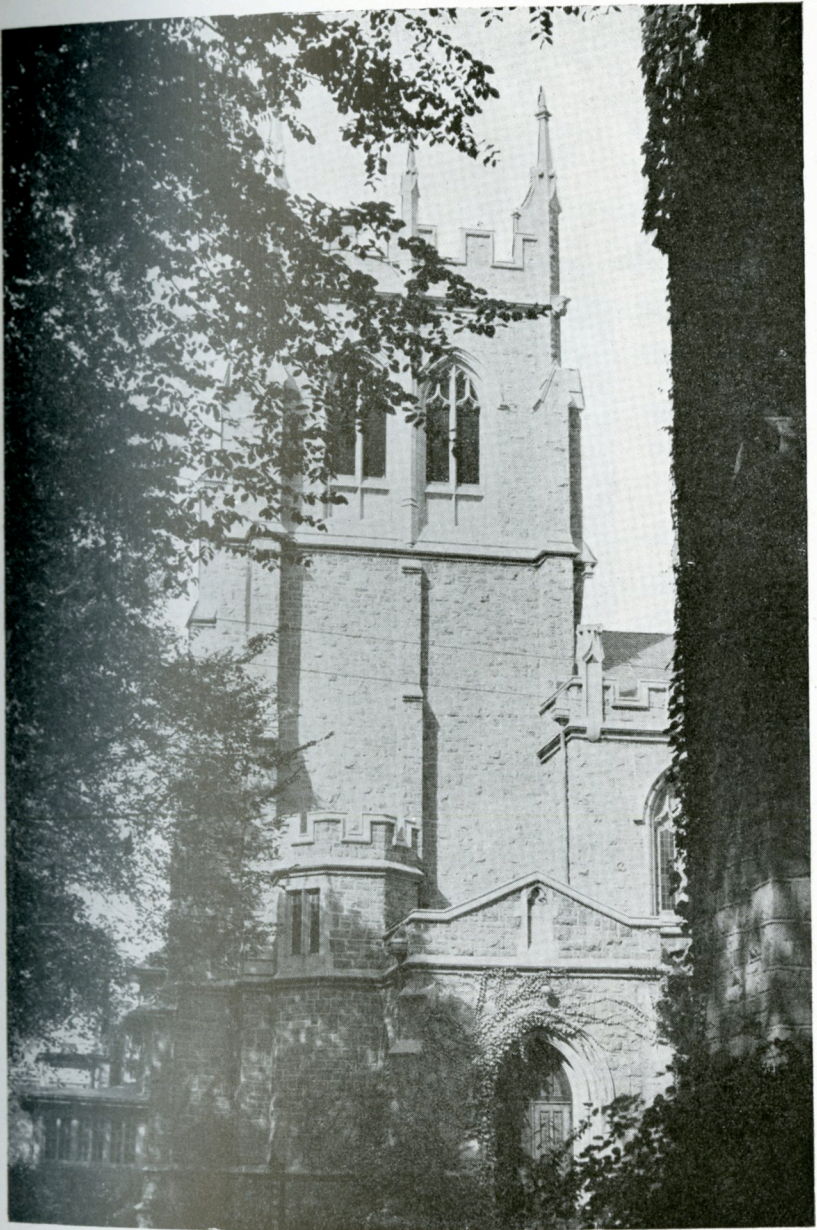
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"One Holy Church of God appears
Through every age and race,
Unwasted by the lapse of years,
Unchanged by changing place."

—*Samuel Longfellow*



REV. JOHN ABBOTT REDMOND, M.A., S.T.B.
Pastor since 1942

FOREWORD

MUCH CREDIT AND APPRECIATION should be given to the late Mr. A. W. Pierson who prepared a history of Methodism on the Niagara Frontier covering the period from the first missionary (1788) to the dedication of new St. Paul's (1923). This history is on file in the church office.

The first four chapters in this booklet cover the pertinent facts from the above record; just enough to give the reader a knowledge of the splendid history of Methodism in this community. The remainder of the booklet covers the twenty-five years from 1923 to 1948. This presents the story of the growth of the new St. Paul's.

Inasmuch as it seemed desirable to keep this history fairly brief, no biographies of church members have been included.

Photographs of St. Paul's Church and Parsonage, 1948, were taken by Karl H. Sandmeyer.

Appreciation and thanks also go to Mrs. Mortimer Jay Brown, Mrs. Harvey N. Gilbert, Mr. Clark J. Peet and Mrs. A. W. Pierson, members of the Committee on Church History.

MRS. CASWELL HIGHLAND

Chairman of the Committee

EARLY METHODISM AT NIAGARA FALLS

IN THE YEAR 1788 George Neal and other Methodist Missionaries held occasional preaching services throughout the Niagara Frontier. They left in their wake class leaders who held meetings in private homes. Some seventy-seven Methodist preachers traveled the local circuit, which at one time included a part of Canada.

In 1815 the first two Methodist Societies in Niagara County were organized at Manchester (now Niagara Falls) and Olcott. The first Methodist meeting house in this area was erected in Lundy's Lane, Canada, in 1817. In 1820 The Genesee Conference of American and Canadian Methodists was held there.

The first record of any land ownership on this side of the river is the conveyance from the Holland Land Company—so-called—on March 27, 1823, to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Town of Niagara (until 1892 the City of Niagara Falls was a part of the Town of Niagara) of a one hundred acre tract of land, being part of Lot 19, Township 13, Range 9, of the Holland Land Company's purchase. The trustees named in this deed are Ozias Judd, Col. Alexander Dickerson, Eli Maynard, Samuel Tompkins and Isaac Smith. At the end of ten years, Feb. 3, 1833, this tract was sold to Henry Springsteen for the sum of \$550.

UNION CHAPEL AND FALLS STREET CHURCH

THE FIRST BUILDING, a small plain frame structure, purchased (1824) for use primarily as a preaching center was located on the site of the present Gorge Terminal Building and was used for public worship by Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and others. It was first known as Union Chapel, later as Methodist Chapel. The Methodist Society met here for twenty-five years. It was there that the first Sunday School was organized in 1839 with 78 pupils and 11 teachers. The preachers in Union Chapel were:

E. C. SANBORN.....	1839
JOHN POWELL.....	1839
C. M. WOODWARD.....	1846-47
ZENAS HURD.....	1849-50

In 1839 the society was incorporated under the name "First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Niagara Falls Village;" the trustees were Thomas H. Leach, Henry W. Clark and the Rev. John Cannon.

On March 27, 1849, the trustees (Cannon, Garrett, Tibbets) were empowered to purchase a meeting house, erected in 1831, and a lot from the Presbyterian Society, situated at the southeast corner of Falls and First Streets, for the sum of \$2,000. This was a frame structure with a small belfry at its center. The frontage on First Street was 99 feet and on Falls Street 132 feet. Piece by piece this property was sold for a total of \$6,453. The last sale was made by trustees Amasa Butler, David Strail and James Shepard, August 24, 1865. A gift of three lots in the Town of Cambria, just east of Pekin, had been made to this Society by the Trustees of the First United Society of the Methodist Church of the Towns of Lewiston and Cambria. The sum of \$300 realized from this sale was applied on the Falls Street purchase.

In 1852, with a church membership of 69, the "preacher's claim" was \$400 raised by assessment and supplemented by the Home Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY AT FIRST AND THOMAS

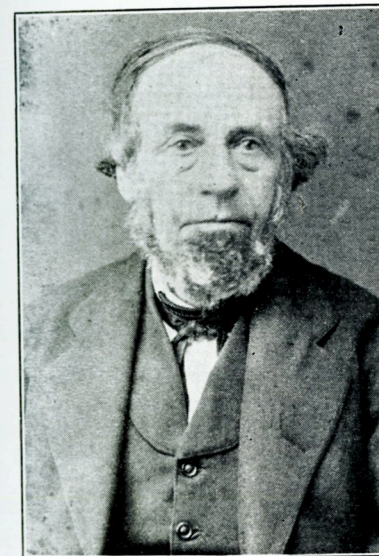
ON JULY 8, 1865 the membership of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of the Village of Niagara Falls decided to change the corporate name to "St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of the Village of Niagara Falls." The number of trustees was increased from three to seven. The trustees adopted the title "The Trustees of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church."

The next day a committee was appointed to build a parsonage and another to secure plans of church edifices. On August 15th, S. V. Saleno was appointed to handle details for the transfer to the trustees of the lot at the southwest corner of First and Thomas Streets. This lot with a dwelling and barn on it cost \$2,500. It had a frontage of 84 feet on First Street and 132 feet on Thomas Street. The dwelling was subsequently sold for \$90. The deed is dated October 16, 1865.

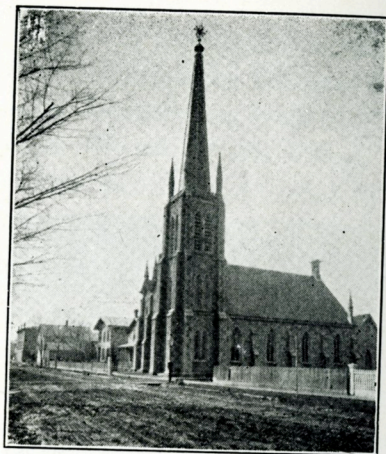
The parsonage was the first new building erected at a cost of \$1,550. This amount was paid by A. M. Chesbrough and presented as a gift to the Society. The second building was a chapel fronting on Thomas Street. This cost \$2,247 and was built according to plans and specifications prepared by G. M. Allison of Buffalo. He received a fee of \$250. On completion the Chapel had a debt of \$1,000 against it.

It was voted to start work on the church as soon as \$10,000 in pledges had been secured after completion of the chapel. In April 1867 William Morgan, a church architect, was engaged to draw detailed plans for the new church. The size of the church auditorium was fixed at 42 feet by 78 feet. William and James Shepard, builders, were engaged October 4, 1868. The work proceeded to the laying of the cornerstone on October 13, 1868. Bishop Kingsley of Ohio officiated. Work ceased because of lack of funds despite the zealous efforts of the Rev. Zenas Hurd who worked diligently to gather money for the building project. (For details of the laying of the cornerstone see "History of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of Niagara Falls, New York" written by Albert W. Pierson.)

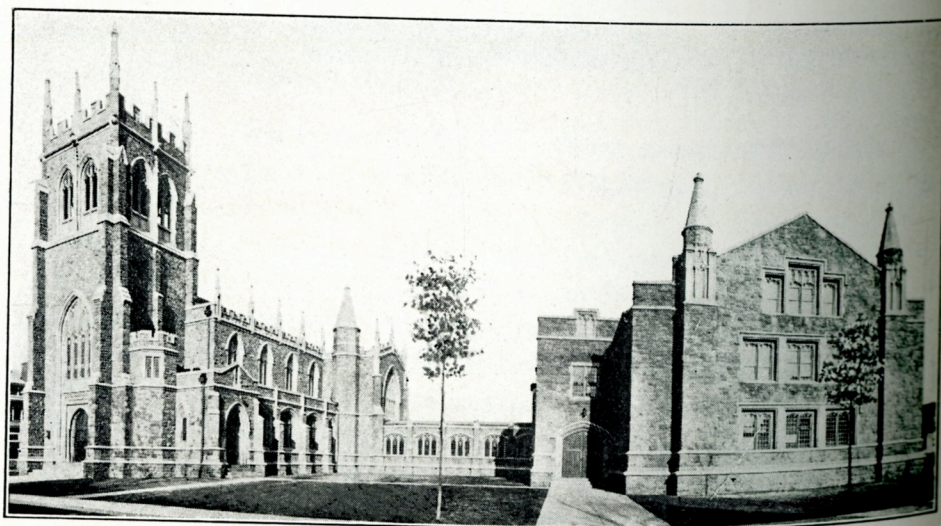
In May 1871 contracts amounting to \$9,080 were let, but it was



REV. JOHN CANNON
Pastor 1855



OLD ST. PAUL'S
1866-1919



NEW ST. PAUL'S
Dedicated 1923

not until October 2, 1872 that the structure was completed. The church was dedicated by Bishop Peck on that date.

Total cost of church and chapel was approximately \$22,500 against which there was a mortgage of \$5,000 held by the Erie County Savings Bank. Methodists and others not resident at Niagara Falls had contributed \$10,000. At the time of dedication there were 52 members. Eleven pastors shared in paying off the mortgage which effort was completed in 1882.

Through the years from the time of dedication to June 8, 1919 many events took place in old St. Paul's. Twenty-two ministers served the charge during that period. The longest pastorates were those of O. C. Poland, 7 years; George S. G. Hares, 6 years; J. N. Simkins, 5 years; and R. C. Brownlee, 5 years. The membership increased slowly from 52 at time of dedication to 403 at time of sale. One significant change was the installation of a pipe organ during the pastorate of the Rev. R. C. Brownlee. This was used for 22 years.

Encouragement to seek a site for a new church came from the Rev. George S. G. Hares. Studies and negotiations to this end went on over a period of some months beginning June 14, 1916 and ending in the purchase of the Seventh Street site. By December 24, 1916 \$11,000 in pledges had been raised. The total frontage, purchased at a cost of \$16,600, was 245 feet with a depth of 132 feet.

When the Y.W.C.A. was formed St. Paul's chapel on Thomas Street was rented to the association for gymnasium purposes until the completion of a new building at Fourth and Main. In turn the church was granted full use of the Y.W.C.A. property when St. Paul's was without a building during 1919-1922.

On June 13, 1919, during the pastorate of the Rev. John E. Manning, the church property at First and Thomas Streets was sold for \$35,000. The pipe organ and church furnishings were not included in the sale. The last service conducted by Mr. Manning was held June 8, 1919, after which date until March 25, 1922 services were held in the Y.W.C.A.

The sum of \$23,000 was raised for the Centenary Fund right at

the time when earnest prayer and thought were being given to St. Paul's new home to be built on Seventh Street.

Prominent during these years were such men as Abram M. Chesbrough, Stephen V. Saleno, Sheldon T. Murray, James Shepard, David Strail, Hon. William Pool, Edward C. Woolson, John Cathcart, Edward Tucker, D. L. Barton, Aaron Shrimpton, Dr. Walter A. Scott, J. M. Ashbaugh, William J. Downey, Dr. J. H. Miller and F. A. Filby. Besides the wives of these men other prominent women were Miss Mary Jackson, Mrs. O. T. Kimberly, Mrs. Esther L. Highland, Mrs. William Cannon, Mrs. Francis Simkins Green, Miss Eunice Shaw, Miss Susan T. Murray, Mrs. R. C. Brownlee, Mrs. T. T. Miller, Mrs. J. F. Sheaf, Mrs. John Gallinger, Mrs. Marie D. Smith and others.

During this period the Ladies' Aid and Home and Foreign Missionary Societies accomplished a great work.

A Men's Club was formed while the Rev. F. S. Parkhurst was pastor. This was a forerunner of today's club.

The Pierson Class, a women's group, organized in 1892 with Mr. A. W. Pierson as teacher, was a mighty force in the progress of the church for many years. Only since Mr. Pierson's death in 1933 has its work been merged with that of the Cui Bono Class.

The Cui Bono Class was organized in 1910 as a young women's class. In 1916 it became a mixed class and continues as such to the present. It has been privileged to have many fine teachers and has a splendid record for assisting the church in its financial needs. Also the class provides entertainment of an outstanding character which may be enjoyed by the whole church.

In 1888 an Oxford League was formed by the young people. In 1892 the name was changed to Epworth League. The League had a definite part in the lives of the young people of the church through this period. Junior and Intermediate Leagues were active at various times.

St. Paul's Church during this time was interested in the organization of a number of other churches in the Falls, the LaSalle Methodist Church (1854), a Free Methodist Church, St. James Methodist Church (1893), the African Methodist, a mission in the Echota Area and the Italian Methodist Mission.

BUILDING OF ST. PAUL'S ON SEVENTH STREET



THE EARLY PLANS for the new St. Paul's did not provide for as impressive a structure as the one now in use. However, just at this time, consultation was had with Bishop William Burt who put forth the thought that Niagara Falls was one city in which should be erected a great convention church with modern equipment for community service—a church to become a model for others and a credit to the great Methodist denomination. He assured Board members that he would do his utmost to obtain very substantial financial support from the Board of Missions and Church Extension provided the plans were prepared by architects specializing in church design and approved by the Board of Architects of the Methodist Church. To this end the firm of Chas. W. Bolton and Son of Philadelphia, Pa. were employed as architects. Plans were submitted to Dr. Burns of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. He approved and agreed to recommend a gift of \$60,000 and urged that every effort be made to raise \$100,000, and under no conditions to consider putting up an inadequate structure because of lack of financial resources. The Rev. C. W. Walker, pastor of the church at this time, was given assurance that a loan of \$45,000 might be expected from reconstruction funds of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Plans were approved and the contract let to Wright and Kremers, Inc. June 3, 1921.

About this time it appeared that the expectation of aid from the Board had been overestimated and that a much heavier part of the financial responsibility must be borne by St. Paul's. As a result of two local financial campaigns, April 1920 and April 1922, the sum of \$96,232 was realized in cash and pledges to cover a period of seven years.

The church was two and one-half years in the process of construction. The first soil was turned by the pastor, the Rev. C. W. Walker, with the Rev. G. S. G. Hares and the Rev. J. F. Manning, former pastors, present. Financial difficulties stopped work on the project during the winter 1921-22, the trustees experiencing difficulty in securing a permanent loan. The loan was finally secured through the Home Savings Bank in Albany, and the work proceeded to completion.

Bishop William Burt, D.D., L.L.D., conducted the services at

the laying of the cornerstone October 23, 1921. It is interesting to note that at this cornerstone laying three persons were present who had been present at the corner stone laying for old St. Paul's, October 13, 1868—Mrs. R. C. Brownlee, Mrs. F. A. Filby, and Mrs. William Cannon, all of whom have now gone to their heavenly rest. The new St. Paul's was dedicated August 12, 1923.

It will be of interest at this point to present a brief picture of the financial burden which has been carried by the church since the building of the new St. Paul's. The entire cost of the site, construction, incidental expenses, parsonage at Seventh and Augustus, etc., amounted to \$276,746, and of this amount \$170,000 stood in notes and mortgages as an indebtedness against the church at its completion. In 1923 resources totaled \$44,700. In 1924 the trustees faced the fact that the sum of \$112,130 was required to pay mortgages not underwritten by pledges. Much credit and appreciation should be given to the trustees, Messrs. Pierson, Hosler, Downey, Kammerer, Stafford, Hagen, Huse and Dr. W. A. Scott, who were required by the terms of the mortgage to individually and personally become responsible for the entire debt and all interest payments thereon until fully paid. The burden which these men and those who have taken their places during twenty-five years, have carried has been heavy, and we rejoice with them that at the time of the writing of this brief history the task is completed and it can be said to them "Well done, good and faithful servants."

ST. PAUL'S JUSTIFIES THE FAITH AND VISION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP



AFTER THE DEDICATION St. Paul's Church began to enjoy the full use of a truly magnificent plant. The pastor, the Rev. Spencer Bacon Owens, was kept busy ministering to his flock and caring for the many problems that came requiring executive attention and caused largely by the "breaking in" of the enlarged effort.

An athletic program, chiefly basket ball, was carried on by many organizations outside of the church. It was later found that too many of these groups were unappreciative and were destructive in their use of the Community House. Consequently the program was curtailed. Adequate supervision was another factor.

The first help given the Rev. Mr. Owens was the employing of an office secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Beeman. She later took over the recording of financial contributions, etc. She also worked with young people to a limited degree. In 1925 Mr. Owens requested the Official Board to provide still further help. He suggested an Assistant Pastor or a Director of Religious Education. Unfortunately the Board did not feel that the finances of the church would permit the employment of such a helper.

Since the completion of the church a full time sexton has been employed with living quarters in the Community House.

Mr. Owens was transferred in 1926; Dr. Fletcher Homan was appointed in his place. After a few months Dr. Homan decided to enter the fund raising field and Dr. Milton Butler Pratt became St. Paul's minister.

An important step affecting the women of the church was taken in 1925 when the Ladies' Aid and the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies united to form the "Women's Association of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church." The first president was Mrs. Puella T. Scott. The organization was set up to include all of the work carried on by the three groups. In fact, the work was considerably strengthened by the larger number of women participating in the

different activities and by the sharing of speakers. When the Conference recognized the need for a similar combination St. Paul's women were ready for the transition. A little rearrangement of official titles and a slight change in the program were all that were necessary.

In 1928, Miss Barbara Shelton came as the first "Director of Religious Education." Her work was excellent, but she answered the call to what she felt was a larger opportunity. Mrs. Bessie Fuller, a long time member of the church and a gifted volunteer worker, then became church secretary.

Dr. Sylvanus S. Davies came to St. Paul's in October 1930 and remained until June 1942. Dr. Davies' twelve years represent the longest pastorate of any preacher to serve St. Paul's. It is hoped it indicates a tendency on the part of Methodist leaders to allow ministers to remain in one place for longer periods of time. The fact that Dr. Davies remained so long greatly enhanced the quality of the service he gave to St. Paul's.

Depression years made the work of the pastor and Official Board difficult. There was always before them the problem of finance; how to raise the current budget; how to meet interest on the mortgages; mortgage payments; mortgage placement; benevolences; etc.

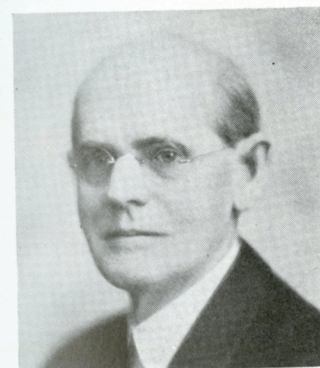
The work of the youth groups in Epworth League and Church School was handicapped because the volunteer workers were unable to give sufficient time to really solve the growing needs.

Genesee Conference has met three times in St. Paul's Church: October 5-11, 1904; October 7-12, 1925, while Mr. Owens was pastor; and October 9-13, 1935 during the pastorate of Dr. Davies.

In November 1925, the work among the Italian residents was transferred from St. James church to St. Paul's. At one time, under Mr. Joseph M. Garbellano, this group held services in the Social Rooms of the Community House, conducted an adult Bible Class and the younger children became members of St. Paul's Church school. At the present time the Rev. Joseph Grana, last pastor of St. Luke's Italian Methodist Church, is retired and in attendance at St. Paul's. St. Luke's building has recently been sold and the members absorbed into St. Paul's and other churches.



REV. SPENCER BACON OWENS, D.D.
Pastor, 1923-1926



REV. MILTON BUTLER PRATT, D.D.
Pastor, 1927-1930



REV. SYLVANUS S. DAVIES, M.A., D.D.
Pastor, 1930-1942



BISHOP W. EARL LEDDEN, D.D., LL.D.
Resident Bishop, Syracuse Area



REV. RICHARD J. DAVEY, M.A., D.D.
Superintendent Buffalo District

In 1926 it was decided that the Sunday evening service should be abandoned and a Vesper Service, mostly music, should be held at 4:30. Vote on the continuance of this service was taken by the Official Board from month to month. It was finally discontinued.

In 1939 the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first Sunday School was celebrated. For this anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Virgil J. Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Turver gave a dogwood tree which is planted in the quadrangle between the Church and the Community House. The personal note in this presentation is that Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Turver are granddaughters of the Rev. John Cannon, organizer of the Sunday School.

The Uniting Conference, held in Kansas City, Mo., in 1939, brought together the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. The new name is "The Methodist Church."

In June, 1942, the Conference sent to St. Paul's as its minister, the Rev. John Abbott Redmond. Under his leadership much that is vital to the progress of St. Paul's Church has been carefully and strongly advanced.

A Lenten Series, featuring internationally known preachers, inaugurated in April, 1943, was exceedingly well received by Church members and the general public. The speakers for the entire series, now six in number, have included: Dr. Merton S. Rice, Bishop F. J. McConnell, Dr. Wm. L. Stidger (2), Dr. Henry Hitt Crane (4), Dr. Bernard C. Clausen (3), Bishop Chas. W. Flint, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman (5), Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder, Dr. Oscar T. Olson, Dr. Harold Cook Phillips (2), Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, Dr. George A. Buttrick, Dr. Chas. Reynolds Brown, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Robert R. Wicks, Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr, Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, Dr. Frederick W. Norwood, Dr. James Gordon Gilkey, Dr. Robert James McCracken, Dr. Clyde E. Wildman, Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Captain Norman Rawson. (Figures after a name indicate number of years a Lenten speaker.)

In 1942-43 the Epworth League became the "Methodist Youth Fellowship" and since then work with the young people has continued

under that name with groups for Intermediates, Seniors and Young People.

Rationing of food and fuel during the war had definite effect on fellowship within the church. The Men's Club, for instance, cut its dinners from six to three within a church year. Other groups were similarly affected. The basement of the Community House was used as an Air Raid Shelter and in every way possible the Church cooperated with the National war effort.

In June the matter of a Director of Christian Education and Assistant to the Minister was discussed by the Official Board and on September 1, 1943, Miss Grayce H. Colvin was employed in this capacity. She remained two years. Miss Colvin worked partly among the new people who had been brought to this city by the immense amount of war work and partly with St. Paul's congregation.

About this time the trustees took up the matter of a new parsonage, pointing out that the "temporary parsonage" on Seventh Street was small, inadequate and poorly located and that a more desirable parsonage home was needed. They recommended and finally purchased the house at 748 Fourth Street. Mr. and Mrs. Redmond formally opened this home to the Church by giving a tea on April 30, 1944.

Additional amplifiers were added to the public address system.

Four hundred new hymnals were purchased.

In April, 1943, the Official Board decided that it was time something was done toward a drastic reduction of the mortgage principal. Interest payments were a drag on the yearly budget and until eliminated, stood in the way of many projects requiring financial backing. It was desirable also to increase the benevolence contributions. To this end the Debt Reduction Committee, later called the Sanctuary Crusade Committee, was appointed. The Committee, through the Finance Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, arranged to have Dr. F. Olin Hunt conduct a "Sanctuary Crusade" to raise funds for clearing the mortgages. The Crusade began May 10, 1944. The third Sunday in the Crusade was called "Loyalty Sunday" when all pledges were garnered in. While

this plan did not quite measure up to expectations, the sum of \$56,000 was pledged. Pledges ran 100 weeks and resulted in the reduction of the mortgages by approximately that amount in two years' time.

In October 1944, the Pension Fund Assessment was received. This was discussed in Official Board and instead of asking for an every-member-canvass the matter was referred to the Finance Committee. The committee advised including this item of \$4000. in two yearly budgets. This was approved and this plan in general has since been followed for all special apportionments and allocations made to the Church.

Under the four year plan of the Post War Reconstruction Program "Crusade for Christ," St. Paul's allotment of \$4,074 was accepted and raised through the yearly budget, the Woman's Society of Christian Service pledging \$800 of this amount.

In September Miss Leanora C. Alt (now Mrs. Karl H. Sandmeyer) became Director of Christian Education, succeeding Miss Colvin who had gone to Central Park Methodist Church in Buffalo.

During this entire year special emphasis was placed on Evangelism,—a phase of the "Crusade for Christ" for 1946-7.

About this time extensive repairs on the exterior of the church were undertaken. When this work was completed the interior of the church and chapel were redecorated. While the cost of the work seemed considerable to undertake, with the mortgages still unpaid, the satisfaction in the renewed appearance and protection to the building justified the accomplishment.

In February 1946, the Sanctuary Crusade Committee was reaffirmed: Mr. W. A. Adams, chairman; Mr. M. H. Anthony, Mr. L. E. Bauer, Mr. E. H. Coe, Dr. M. B. Geiger, Mr. J. R. Hagen, Mr. W. E. Hosler, Dr. W. B. Jackman, Mr. L. M. Krausmann, Dr. Sterling Temple. In March plans for a second phase of the Sanctuary Crusade to retire the mortgages were approved with Dr. Hunt coming as in the prior phase.

In October 1946, a committee on "Memorials and Interior Improvement of Church and Chapel" was appointed. Personnel of the committee follows: Mr. J. R. Hagen, chairman; Mr. W. E. Hosler,

Mrs. Puella T. Scott, Mr. H. R. Smith, Mr. O. H. Bell, Miss Sara W. Johnston, Dr. George B. Skinner, Mrs. J. F. McKeehan, Mr. Otto Hauenstein.

Through this year Christian Stewardship in the Crusade for Christ was emphasized.

Two contributions were authorized for inclusion in the budget (1948-49), one to Silver Lake Institute (\$3,330) for improving the buildings, and one to Boston University School of Theology (\$1,000.)

In February Miss Ione Meland became a part-time member of the church staff with the title of "Commissary Director." She has been very helpful to the church in preparing meals for any and all organizations.

Miss Marian Elizabeth Johncox became Director of Christian Education and Recreational Life, September 1, 1948, succeeding Mrs. Leanora Alt Sandmeyer who is making her home in Niagara Falls and remains a member of St. Paul's Church.

As this history is being written the people of St. Paul's Church are looking forward to the burning of the mortgages on Sunday, November 7, 1948. On Sunday morning Bishop J. F. McConnell is scheduled to be present and deliver the sermon. On Sunday evening Dr. W. L. Stidger is slated to preach. He has written the dedication for the new Chancel Window, first of the new church windows to be completed. He will also assist with the burning of the mortgages. On Monday evening there will be a great "home-coming" dinner for all members of the church to which will be invited former pastors, District Superintendents, and other prominent persons. As it is expected the capacity of the dining room will be overtaxed it is planned that the entire group will retire to the Sanctuary where others not at the dinner may join them to listen to an address, "Pioneers of To-morrow" to be delivered by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Minister of the National Radio Pulpit.

HOW ST. PAUL'S PHYSICAL FACILITIES ARE USED TODAY



THE EXTENSIVE use that is made of St. Paul's Church buildings indicates the real service being rendered to the community. There are approximately 97 groups that meet independently under the leadership of a chairman, teacher, president or counselor. These are within the Church itself. Outside organizations using the Chapel and Community House include the Seventh Day Adventists, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little Theatre, Philharmonic Orchestra, Commandery, DuPont Chorus and Red Cross. Within a single day as many as ten organizations find time and room to carry on separate programs within the Community House.

The Sanctuary is used for public worship every Sunday of the year. The Summer Preaching Program brings to the church men of outstanding ability while the Thursday evening Lenten Series brings men of national and international eminence. The congregation comes from both sides of the border.

The facilities for the Church School are so arranged that separate departments are provided for Nursery, Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments, all on the first floor. The Nursery is used at other times than during the Church School hour to provide care for young children when the mothers attend divine worship or other meetings. The Youth Division—Intermediates and Seniors—and the Adult classes meet on the second floor of the Community House, using all available space except the kitchen.

A Week Day School of Christian Education and classes in preparatory membership are regular features of the Church program. Students for the Week Day School of Christian Education come from South Junior and Senior High Schools for one hour on Mondays during the school year.

A Victor 16 mm Sound moving picture projector is a very valuable part of the Church equipment making it possible to supply visual education when desired. A supply of slides, strip films and movie films is being built up. At frequent intervals films are rented.

The kitchen is available for all groups as required, although usage is directly the responsibility of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. It is rather outmoded at present but the W.S.C.S. has plans for modernization and new equipment.

The Social Rooms on the second floor at the front of the Community House are pleasant and popular for meetings, parties, teas, etc.

The Church and Chapel are in frequent use for weddings; the Sanctuary for the more elaborate ceremonies and the Chapel for quieter weddings.

The Community Hall is in constant demand for large meetings and dinners as well as the athletic program and recreational activities of the youth of the Church.

The Community House is open all day and well into the night and through it the Chapel and Sanctuary can be reached. The Sanctuary main entrance is closed except for services, but the Church is always available for prayer and meditation through the lower hall and Chapel.

The Boy Scouts have their own quarters in the basement, fitted up for their particular needs.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH is located on the highest point of ground at the center of the life of a young and growing city. Membership, attendance and general interest in a diversified and expanding program indicate the faith and confidence of our people. Members and friends come from every part of the city and outlying regions. These persons belong to many walks of life. Visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada frequent our services. During weeks when Sunday services are broadcast by radio, letters and messages from distances up to 150 miles tell of spiritual guidance, help and inspiration.

This year, 1948, will go down in the history of our church as the most significant since the dedication of the new St. Paul's. Deliverance from debt on the church is release from bondage.

The dedication of the new chancel window with the great theme of Christ at the center of it is another event of commanding influence. As indicated elsewhere in this history the gracious donors of this masterpiece in glass are Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hosler.

The new window program calls for the replacement of the other 23 temporary windows in the sanctuary. Eight of these are definitely taken. Donors are: the Cui Bono Class; Mrs. Puella T. Scott and Dr. W. Roger Scott in memory of Dr. Walter A. Scott; Mrs. R. Max Eaton, Mrs. Dorothy E. Harvey and Miss E. Maxine Eaton in memory of Mr. Richard Maxwell Eaton; Mr. and Mrs. LaRue F. Smith; Mrs. Ruth C. Wells in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cathcart; Mrs. Jessie Hall and Miss Rita Hall in memory of Mr. H. Blake Hall; Mr. James R. Hagen; Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Sandmeyer; Mrs. Maude Cannon Turver in memory of her grandfather, the Reverend John Cannon; and the Reverend and Mrs. John A. Redmond. Gifts of other windows are pending. Mr. William R. Jack, chief designer for Whittemore Associates, Inc. of Boston is scheduled to make all of the windows.

Plans for a new altar, reredos and chancel arrangement for the sanctuary are being made complete at date of writing. Plans for a new altar, new lights and other features in the chapel are also in the offing.

The influence of St. Paul's Church is felt around the world. Possibilities for the future are unlimited. Persons who have no church home in Niagara Falls and live within a reasonable radius of St. Paul's Church are invited to attend church services and talk with the minister concerning the Christian life and possible identification in membership.

The Church Office is located in the Community House, 723 Seventh Street, and is open 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Minister's interview hour in the study at the church Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:30 P.M.; other days and hours by appointment. Church telephone: 2-5652.

BIOGRAPHIES OF PASTORS, 1923-1948

THE REVEREND SPENCER BACON OWENS

The Reverend Spencer Bacon Owens became the minister of St. Paul's Church in February 1923. He transferred from Massena in Northern New York Conference. Mr. Owens was licensed to preach at the age of nineteen. He was ordained by Bishop Burt in 1913; received his B. A. degree from Syracuse University in 1913. He served the church well at a period when the work was exceedingly difficult. In 1916 Mr. Owens was transferred to the LeRoy Church. At the present time he is Superintendent of the Albion District, Michigan. He resides in Albion.

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THE REVEREND FLETCHER HOMAN

The pastorate of Dr. Fletcher Homan was brief—October 1926 to January 1927. He was considering going into the fund raising field, and after coming to St. Paul's found that call stronger than serving in this parish.

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THE REVEREND MILTON BUTLER PRATT

The Reverend Milton Butler Pratt, D. D., came to St. Paul's in the early part of 1927, resigning as Superintendent of Buffalo District that he might accept the call. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio. Dr. Pratt was a humorist and an outstanding speaker. He had a lecture on Abraham Lincoln which was well known and brought him many invitations for Lincoln's Day speeches. In fact it was thought by some that Dr. Pratt had studied the life of the great President to the point where he came to resemble him. In October 1930 Dr. Pratt retired as an active speaker. He now lives with a daughter in Schenectady, New York. He is kept busy with supply engagements to the extent that his strength will allow. Dr. Pratt spends his winters in Florida and his summers in New York State.

THE REVEREND SYLVANUS S. DAVIES

Dr. Sylvanus S. Davies was born in Wales and came to the United States as a very young man. He persevered until he had secured the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Syracuse University and the Master of Arts degree from St. Lawrence University. Syracuse University granted him the D. D. degree. After serving pastorates in Ogdensburg, Rochester and Buffalo he came to St. Paul's church in October 1930, remaining twelve years, the longest pastorate in the history of the church. Dr. Davies is now retired. He and Mrs. Davies live in Prattsburg, Steuben County, New York where Dr. Davies is supply pastor for the Prattsburg and Pultney churches.

THE REVEREND JOHN ABBOTT REDMOND

The Reverend John Abbott Redmond is a graduate of Syracuse University A.B., 1928 (with honors in both Philosophy and Bible); Boston University A.M., 1930; and Boston University School of Theology S.T.B., 1931. He was ordained in 1931 and served the First Methodist Church, Potsdam, N. Y.; Central Church, Utica, N. Y.; and the First Methodist Church, Ithaca, N. Y. before coming to St. Paul's in June 1942. Mr. Redmond is a fine spiritual leader and an able executive. His sermons are of high intellectual and spiritual character. He is in demand for more speaking engagements than he is able to accept. The church membership has increased to 1260 at date of writing.

Mr. Redmond has a manner with children that makes them his fast friends. To illustrate,—the telephone in the church office rang one day (the writer happened to be substituting) and a mother said "My little girl has to go to the hospital to have her tonsils out. She says she will go if Mr. Redmond will come to call on her." Then there is a little lad who comes in to discuss Mr. Redmond's sermons with him. He asks for a story now and then.

The parsonage family, Mrs. Redmond, Joan and John are always gracious; Mrs. Redmond a true minister's helpmate.

Of the former pastors who were still living at the time Mr. Pierson wrote his history, the Rev. John E. Manning, the Rev. Chas. W. Walker, the Rev. Richard W. Copeland, and the Rev. Orville C. Poland have gone to the Church Triumphant. The Rev. Frederick S. Parkhurst lives at Franklinville, New York and has been retired since 1916. The Rev. Elisha M. Snodgrass, also retired, lives in Olean, New York. The Rev. Geo. S. G. Hares is now pastor of the Methodist Church at Victor, New York.

LOCAL METHODIST CHRONOLOGY

- 1788 Visit of first Methodist Preacher.
- 1813 Prior to this year services held in log school house.
- 1815 First Methodist society organized.
- 1823 Trustees given 100-acre farm.
- 1824 Union Chapel built.
- 1833 Church farm on Lockport Road sold.
- 1835 The Rev. John Cannon locates in Niagara Falls.
- 1839 Methodist society reincorporated; First Methodist **Sunday** School formed.
- 1849 Falls Street Church purchased.
- 1854 LaSalle Methodist Church begun.
- 1865 Falls Street Church sold.
- 1865 Name changed to St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.
- 1865-6 Services held in Baptist Church.
- 1866 First Street parsonage completed.
- 1866 Thomas Street chapel completed.
- 1868 Foundation and Cornerstone of St. Paul's laid.
- 1868 Ladies' Aid Society organized.
- 1872 Old St. Paul's completed and dedicated October 2.
- 1882 Debt paid off.
- 1887 Missionary society organized.
- 1888 Epworth League organized, first called Oxford League.
- 1892 Pierson Class formed, organized 1904.
- 1893 St. James Methodist Church organized January 23.
- 1895 Dwight L. Moody preached in St. Paul's June 6.
- 1897 Pipe organ installed.
- 1899 Chapel enlarged, new parsonage built.
- 1908 Men's Club organized—Reorganized in 1919.
- 1910 Cui Bono Class organized.
- 1912 Spire of old St. Paul's removed.
- 1912 New stained glass memorial windows placed.
- 1917 Site on Seventh Street purchased.
- 1919 Old St. Paul's deeded June 13 to Mrs. Watson.
- 1919 Last service in Old St. Paul's June 8; first service in Y.W.C.A. June 15.
- 1921 Contract let for new St. Paul's—June 3.
- 1921 Ground broken June 7.
- 1921 Cornerstone laid by Bishop Burt October 23.
- 1922 First service in Community House April 2; last service in Y.W.C.A. March 26.
- 1923 New St. Paul's dedicated by Bishop Burt August 12.
- 1925 Women's Association of St. Paul's Church formed.
- 1925 Genesee Conference met St. Paul's October 7-12.
- 1926 Vesper service instituted instead of evening service.
- 1928 First "Director of Religious Education" employed.
- 1933 Strough Class organized.
- 1935 Genesee Conference met St. Paul's October 9-13.
- 1939 Uniting Conference; denomination name became "The Methodist Church."
- 1940 Women's Association reorganized as Woman's Society Christian Service.
- 1940 School of Religious Education started in city.
- 1942 Methodist Youth Fellowships organized.
- 1943 First Annual Lenten Series.
- 1943 New parsonage at 748 Fourth Street purchased; Parsonage on Seventh Street sold.
- 1944 First phase of Sanctuary Crusade.
- 1945 Repairs to exterior and redecoration of Church and chapel.
- 1946 Second phase of Sanctuary Crusade.
- 1948 Burning of mortgages and dedication of Chancel Window.
- 1948 Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the new St. Paul's.

MEMORIALS, GIFTS AND LEGACIES

MEMORIALS

Pulpit Bible given by Mrs. Alice Bush, Mrs. Bessie Fuller and Mrs. Grace Schoelles in memory of their mother Mrs. Adelaide Cole—1923.

Shrubbery planting given by Mrs. Mary Cathcart as a memorial to Miss Frances Cathcart—1926.

Bulletin Board given by Mrs. Puella T. Scott and Dr. W. Roger Scott as a memorial to Dr. Walter A. Scott, 27 years a trustee—1926.

Brass cross for altar made by Mr. Frank Hoschke and presented by Mrs. Bessie Fuller in memory of her husband Merritt G. Fuller—about 1929.

Plaque by Pierson Class in memory of Mr. Albert W. Pierson placed in church vestibule—1940

GIFTS

Altar chairs—Mr. H. J. Stone—1925.

Brass collection plate and pair of brass candlesticks—Mr. Otto Hauenstein—1938.

Dogwood tree for quadrangle—Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Turver—on occasion of celebrating 100th Anniversary of founding of Sunday School—1939.

Chinese Elm for south lawn—Mr. R. H. Turver—1939.

Pair brass altar vases—Mr. Otto Hauenstein—1942.

Chancel Window—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hosler—1948

LEGACIES

Mr. A. M. Chesbrough—\$3,000—to be invested and interest applied on pastor's salary—1889.

Mrs. Amy Ruth Hosler—\$500—used to purchase Baptismal Font, eight walnut collection plates, pewter altar vase—1924.

Mrs. Adelaide Perry—\$794.67—used to reduce mortgage—1932.

Mrs. Nettie Gardner—\$100—used to reduce mortgage—1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Shaw—\$2400. Used to reduce mortgage and note—1939.

HISTORICAL FURNISHINGS

Seats in chapel were originally used in old St. Paul's at Thomas and First Streets, cut down for use in chapel.

Pulpit in the chapel from old St. Paul's.

Two carved collection plates, used for collections received in the chapel; from old St. Paul's.

A small marble topped altar table in use from 1872 in old St. Paul's is now treasured as part of the parsonage furnishings.

Baptismal font in the chapel was presented by Mrs. C. F. Hunsberger; used in old St. Paul's.

Silver communion service—tankard, two plates and chalices—presented to old St. Paul's at dedication. Now used to furnish background for our very effective communion arrangement. Also a much worn silver plate the first use of which is not known.

SANCTUARY CRUSADE SUBSCRIBERS

Abendroth, Mr. and Mrs. A. H.
 Adams, Dr. and Mrs. F. S.
 Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
 Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. A.
 Adams, Julia
 Alexander,
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
 Allen, Harris, C.
 Allen, May O.
 Anderson, John M.
 Ansley, Mr. and Mrs. E. C.
 Anthony, Marion H.
 Argy, Mrs. Phyllis R.
 Armitage, Mr. and Mrs. C. R.
 and family
 Arseneault, Mrs. Raymond

 Bair, Mrs. A. Laura
 Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. H. P.
 Bailey, Carol J.
 Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E.
 Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L.
 Barber, Mrs. Harriett M.
 Barry, Marguerite
 Basore, Mrs. Anna M.
 Bastian, Mr. and Mrs.
 Frederick E.
 Bastian, Bryce
 Bastian, Cheryl A.
 Barge, Laura
 Bax, Mrs. James
 Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Louis E.
 Bearce, Mr. A. W.
 Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G.
 Bell, Mr. and Mrs. O. H.
 Benedict, Mrs. W. E.
 Bennett, Mrs. W. H.

 Benson, Alfred W.
 Bentley, Mrs. Marvel
 Bingaman, Mrs. Leonard
 Binkley, Mrs. H. O.
 Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. C. R.
 Blanchard, Joanne
 Botsford, Mrs. Alta
 Brewer, Ruby
 Brink, Antionette
 Brinkel, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford
 Brooks, Mrs. Nina
 Brown, Mrs. Etta
 Brown, Mr. and Mrs.
 Howard W.
 Brown, Dr. and Mrs. J. Howard
 Brown, Dr. and Mrs.
 Mortimer J.
 Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Russell H.
 Browne, Mr. and Mrs. C. M.
 Brownell, Mrs. C. M.
 Budrow, Dr. and Mrs.
 Theodore T.
 Budrow, Jane O.
 Burnett, Mr. and Mrs.
 R. Wendell
 Burnham, Janet
 Burnham, Mrs. Edythe J.
 Buskie, Mr. and Mrs. John W.

 Cairns, Mr. and Mrs.
 Luther W.
 Cairns, Max
 Cairns, Norma
 Cairns, Wiley
 Caldwell, Mrs. William A.
 Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. F. A.
 Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Call, Mr. and Mrs. C. A.
 Canfield, Mr. and Mrs.
 Howard M.
 Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs.
 Robert F.
 Cass, Dr. and Mrs. Oliver W.
 Chambers, Mr. and Mrs.
 George W.
 Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. John H.
 Chapple, Mrs. U. F.
 Chatterton, Mr. and Mrs.
 V. Roscoe
 Chesebro, Mrs. Vivian
 Chichester, Elizabeth F.
 Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin F.
 Clark, Mrs. Frances
 Clark, Mr. and Mrs. James
 Clifford, D.
 Clifford, W.
 Cliver, Mr. and Mrs.
 Raymond C.
 Cliver, Ruth
 Coe, Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
 Colvin, Grayce H.
 Congelosi, Mrs. A. Edna
 Conlin, Etta V.
 Connell, Mr. and Mrs. George K.
 Connell, Joseph E.
 Connell, Katherine J.
 Connell, Margaret M.
 Conroy, Mrs. John F.
 Cook, Mrs. A. R. and Carrie
 Lee Draper
 Coyle, Edith
 Cramer, May B.
 Cui Bono Class
 Cumming, Mrs. Ethel P.
 Cummings, Alice M.

 Curry, Mr. and Mrs. John P.
 Cushing, Dr. and Mrs. Willis E.

 Dart, Henry M.
 Davidson, Mr. and Mrs.
 George A.
 DeCost, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond
 DeDario, Mrs. Sarah
 deForest, Mrs. Charles M.
 Demmin, Mrs. Amy
 Dow, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H.
 Dryden, Gwendolyn
 Dryden, Margaret
 Dygert, Mrs. Robert

 Eastman, Mrs. E. S.
 Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. H.
 Eaton, Mrs. R. Max
 Eaton, Leland
 Eckhardt, Ida M.
 Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle L.
 Eller, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L.
 Everts, Harriet J.
 Ewald, Mr. and Mrs. Harold, Jr.

 Falter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H.
 Field, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd S.
 Filby, Mr. and Mrs. F. A.
 Fink, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C.
 and family
 Fink, Marilyn
 Finnegan, Mr. and Mrs.
 Lawrence
 Fisher, John
 Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Royal J.
 Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. R. W.
 Fitzmorris, Mrs. Marion W.
 Fleet, Ina E.
 Fowler, Mrs. Clara P.

Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Paul P.
Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Robert
Fulton, Alice M.
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Fulton, Mrs. F. J.

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Glennie, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart
Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs.
Charles W.
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Gratz, William H., Sr.
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Hainline, Clarence
Hakes, Mr. and Mrs.
Carl E. and Mary A.
Hall, Mrs. Jessie and Miss Reta
Hall, Mrs. Nora

Hanna, Mrs. James
Hardy, Betty A.
Harding, Dr. and Mrs. E. A.
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Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C.
Hatch, Owen A.
Hauenstein, Otto
Hays, C. O.
Henderson, John H.
Henry, Mrs. E. W.
Herkimer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W.
Hewitt, Marjorie
Highland, Mr. and Mrs. Caswell
Hill, Mr. and Mrs. James S.
Hill, Milinda
Hill, Nancy
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Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick
Huse, Mr. and Mrs. Harold M.
Hyland, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey G.
Jackman, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. B.
Jahn, Phyllis E.
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Johnson, Frank S.
Johnson, R. W.
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Kester, Mr. and Mrs. Curt
Kester, Mr. and Mrs. Leon
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Klouse, Anna
Knack, Mrs. William
Knibbs, Mr. and Mrs. David C.
Knowles, Mrs. Grace F.
Koethen, Mr. and Mrs. F. L.
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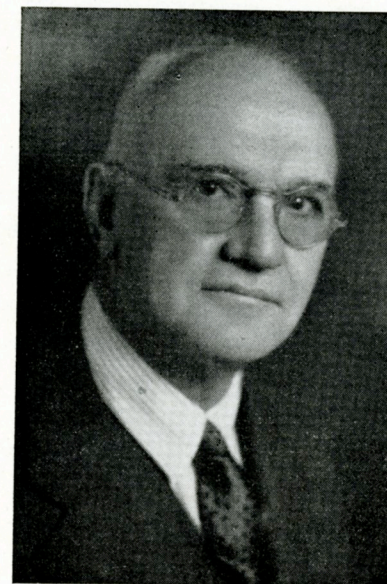
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Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R.

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 Pew, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
 Pfetsch, Mr. and Mrs. John
 Pierson, Mrs. A. W.
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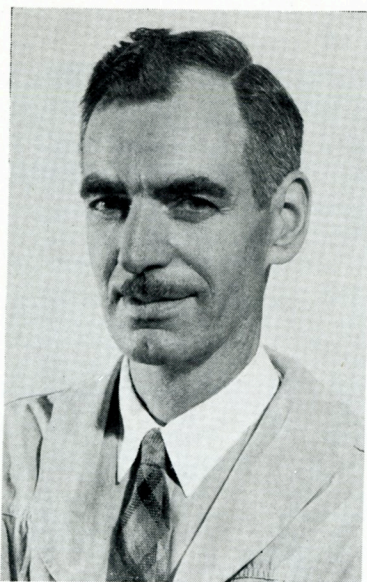
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 Sunday Morning Preacher, 25th Anniversary



REV. WILLIAM L. STIDGER, Litt.D., D.H.L.
 Sunday Evening Preacher, 25th Anniversary



REV. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, Ph.D., LL.D.
Banquet Speaker, 25th Anniversary



WILLIAM R. JACK
Designer of Chancel Window

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Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd V.

Rawlings, Irene

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Mrs. John A.

Redmond, Joan M.

Redmond, John C.

Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Paul H.

Reilley, Mrs. Marian S.

Reisig, Lois A.

Reynolds, Linnie

Reynolds, Mary W.

Rice, J. Edward

Rice, James R.

Rising, C. Doris

Rood, Daisy

Roseberry, E.

Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Manley L.

Rotella, Robert

Round, Enoch

Rushton, Mr. and Mrs. Edward

Rushton, Mr. and Mrs.
George, Jr.

Rushton, Mr. and Mrs.
George A.

Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Sand, Gwendolyn

Sand, Mr. and Mrs. Seaward A.

Sandmeyer, Mr. and Mrs.
Karl H.

Schamber, Mrs. Stephen A.

Scott, Mrs. Puella T.

Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Walton B.

Scott, Dr. and Mrs. W. R.

Searle, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne C.

Senglaup, Mr. and Mrs. Edward

Servis, Spencer

Shelso, Mr. and Mrs. Roy K.

Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. E. J.

Shepherd, Reginald W.

Shillington, Mr. and Mrs.

Alexander

Shoebridge, Robert C., Sr.

Shrimpton, Mr. and Mrs. James

Silberberg, Louis S.

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Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Howard R.

Smith, Dr. and Mrs. William A.

Stafford, Edward V.

Spencer, Lyle D.

Stone, Mrs. Donald

Stahlman, Mrs. Milton

Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Leon C.

Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred

Stieber, Mr. and Mrs. Harry

Steigman, C. A.

Stoneham, Mrs. Herbert

Strough Class

Strough, Mr. and Mrs.

Lyndon H. and family

Smith, Mr. and Mrs.

Larue F., Sr.

Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs.

Donald H.

Taylor, Mrs. George A.

Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. P. E.

Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S.

Temple, Dr. and Mrs. Sterling

Thaler, Mr. and Mrs. Leo C.

Thiele, Mr. and Mrs. Charles I.
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Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ira F.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AND OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board meets on the First Monday of each month. Mr. Redmond as pastor of the church is its presiding officer, J. L. Martin is recording secretary. Officers of the Quarterly Conference are:

J. W. BUSKIE.....	District Steward
J. M. WAINSCOTT.....	Reserve District Steward
A. H. FALTER.....	Recording Steward
MRS. P. E. TAYLOR...	Chairman Communion Stewards
H. R. SMITH.....	Church Treasurer-Benevolences
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J. R. HAGEN.....	Lay Leader
W. E. HOSLER.....	Lay Member, Annual Conference
STERLING TEMPLE.....	Reserve Lay Member, Annual Conference
MARIAN E. JOHNCOX..	Director, Christian Education and Recreational Life
K. H. SANDMEYER.....	Secretary, Good Literature

CHURCH SCHOOL

In 1923 the Church enrollment was 502 plus cradle roll and home departments 130, total 632. Figures as reported to the Quarterly Conference and Annual Meeting, May, 1948, were 571 and 191 respectively, total 763.

Officers of the Church School are:

RALPH S. TEMPLE.....	General Superintendent
MISS SARA W. JOHNSTON....	Sup't Children's Division
MRS. DONALD L. BROWN.....	Sup't Cradle Roll
MRS. GARRETT VAN NIMWEGEN.....	Sup't Beginners
MISS CAROL BAILEY.....	Sup't Primary
MISS PHYLLIS JAHN.....	Sup't Junior
MRS. FRANK WALKER.....	Sup't Youth
MR. J. L. WILSON.....	Sup't Adult
WILLIAM JENKS.....	Secretary
LESLIE H. MOYER.....	Treasurer

CUI BONO CLASS

The Cui Bono Class has as its project this year the raising of \$500 toward the new curtains for the stage. The teachers are L. L. Stacy and George Leazer. The officers are:

J. L. WILSON.....	President
GEORGE LEAZER.....	Vice-President
OLIVE WILSON.....	Secretary
NINA BROOKS.....	Corresponding Sec'y
W. A. LOCKHART.....	Treasurer
MRS. J. L. WILSON }	T and R Committee
MRS. E. R. WENTZ }	

STROUGH CLASS

The Strough Class, organized in 1933, has majored in giving assistance to the Youth Groups, presenting such items as the motion picture projector. Prof. Clark J. Peet is the teacher. The officers are:

WINIFRED THOMPSON.....	President
BERYL BERGMAN.....	Secretary-Treasurer
RUTH EDWARDS.....	Gifts-Cards

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

This class of young men and women is taught by Mr. E. Dent Lackey. It holds forth promise of worthwhile projects for the future.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

Three Methodist Youth Fellowships meet every Sunday afternoon and evening. The Intermediates (12-15 years) meet in the afternoon. The Seniors (15-18 years) and Young People (18 years and older) meet together in the evening for Worship in the Chapel. A fifty-minute discussion period in separate groups follows; then Sunday night supper and sing in the dining room. The evening concludes with fireside leisure and chat.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service in St. Paul's Church officially succeeded the St. Paul's Woman's Association September 19,

1940. Mrs. Arthur H. Prey was the first president. Others who have served in this office are: Mrs. E. C. Ansley, Mrs. Sterling Temple, Mrs. J. F. McKeehan and Mrs. Ernest Griffiths. The present officers are as follows:

MRS. FRANCIS S. ADAMS.....President
MISS SUEANNA HAMMERLY.....Vice President
MRS. LAVERNE SEARLE.....Recording Secretary
MRS. JESSIE E. HALL.....Corresponding Secretary
MRS. GEO. K. CONNELL.....Treasurer
MRS. ARTHUR H. PREY.....Financial Secretary
MRS. JOHN A. REDMOND..Sec'y Missionary Education
MRS. LOUIS E. BAUER..Sec'y Local Church Activities
MRS. ELWOOD F. TREADWELL....Sec'y Christian Social
Relations
MRS. FLOYD FIELD.....Sec'y Student Work
MISS CAROLYN SWETT..Sec'y Young Women and Girls
MRS. LUTHER CAIRNS.....Sec'y Supplies
MRS. PAUL P. FOWLER.....Sec'y Children's Work
MISS MAY CRAMER..Sec'y Literature and Publications

The Society is divided into nine groups, each with a leader, meeting monthly for Mission Study in the homes. The entire organization meets at the church for a program each month. Some fund raising activities are carried on from time to time, but in general the pledges of the members constitute the chief source of revenue.

Mrs. E. M. King, in recognition for outstanding service as Cradle Roll Superintendent, in Church School and Woman's Society of Christian Service, was made a Life Member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Annual Meeting, June 1948.

THE GUILDERS

The "Guilders" or Junior W.S.C.S., a group of the young married and business girls of the church, had its first meeting at the parsonage on June 26, 1945. The first president was Miss Phyllis Anne Reid. In January 1948 the members voted to divide into three geographical groups, DeVeaux, LaSalle and "Town Girls" with the following over-all officers:



NEW CHANCEL WINDOW, depicting Christological Conceptions from
The Last Supper to The Ascension

Presented by: MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM E. HOSLER, 1948



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 1948
Nature touched, God inspired

MRS. HARRIET OSWALD.....President
MISS CAROLYN SWETT.....Secretary
MISS NORA KARLMAN.....Treasurer
MRS. LORETTA BAX, W.S.C.S. Representative

The Guilders sponsor one joint meeting each year with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, i.e., the Mother and Daughter Banquet in May.

CHOIRS

St. Paul's now has three choirs known as the "Chancel Choir," the "Chapel Choir" and the "Carol Choir" composed of adults, young people of high school age, and children. Mrs. Ethel P. Cumming is the very able Director of Church Music, personally directing the work of the Chancel Choir. She is assisted by Mr. George V. Leazer, director of the Chapel Choir, and Mrs. Kay S. White, director of the Carol Choir. These three choirs furnish music for Sunday morning worship all year around except during the months of July and August when soloists lead the singing. The enlarged music program was inaugurated in 1946.

The organist, Mrs. Maude Cannon Turver, has given wholeheartedly of her time and service since her appointment in 1927. Mrs. Kay White is assistant organist.

USHERS

St. Paul's Church has a fine group of men acting as ushers. No worship service finds less than eight men greeting people, showing them to their seats and taking up the collection. Mr. R. H. Turver is the very efficient and capable head usher.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets periodically throughout the fall and winter months. Programs feature Church dinners, distinguished speakers, excellent music and fine fellowship. Members are of all ages, all professions and vocations. Membership is open to men of the community as well as members of the Church.

J. W. WEBB.....President
 JOHN CURRY.....Vice-President
 DONALD BROWN.....Secretary
 TALCOTT LANCASTER.....Treasurer

CHURCH HONOR ROLL

St. Paul's Church has been very fortunate in the consecrated devotion of its leaders. In this spirit we come to the triumph of the mortgage burning; a financial victory and an immense spiritual conquest that will persist into a glorious future. It seems fitting here to pay tribute to a few persons whose record is particularly outstanding, in some cases extending back beyond even this twenty-five years of history. We pay homage to the following:

VIRGIL J. STAFFORD, Trustee 35 years, treasurer 35 years.

Member of Official Board 47 years

A. W. PIERSON, Trustee 31 years, Church School Teacher 40 years.

SARA W. JOHNSTON, Superintendent Junior Department 30 years.

MRS. MABLE K. KING, Superintendent Cradle Roll, 40 years.

WILLIAM E. HOSLER, Trustee 29 years, President Trustees 26 years.

J. B. KAMMERER, Trustee 26 years.

J. R. HAGEN, Trustee 26 years

M. H. ANTHONY, Trustee 22 years.

MRS. PUELLA T. SCOTT, Trustee 22 years.

DR. MORTIMER J. BROWN, Trustee, Church School Teacher.

To list the members of the church with twenty-five years' membership would take too much space but there are a few who have been on the church rolls for well over fifty years:

MRS. MEDA MILLER PIERSON.....62 years

MR. F. A. FILBY.....66 years

MRS. CHAS. M. BROWNE.....67 years

MR. CHAS. W. ASHBAUGH.....52 years

MRS. PUELLA T. SCOTT.....55 years

MRS. MATTIE HUGHES.....54 years

HONOR ROLL—WORLD WAR II

167 men and women enrolled for service to their country for World War II, five of whom made the supreme sacrifice (asterisks).

Franklin J. Ackerman

Richard B. Adams

Robert F. Adams

Howard J. Adama

William Alexander

Neal Annett

*Ernest Ansley

Frank Ansley

Mount Archer

Leighton L. Armitage

Clifford B. Armstrong, Jr.

Donald Baker

Robert L. Baker

Alva H. Barber

William H. Bennett

Charles Bergman

Leonard Bingaman

Bernice L. Bluett

John Booher

Robert E. Boles

John G. Briggs

Robert W. Briggs

Gervais Brillio

William E. Brooks

James Bruer

Bruce Butt

Max Cairns

William A. Caldwell

Francis Caldwell

Robert A. Call

Dorothy June Campbell

Edward H. Chapple

Richard Clark

Charles D. Cross

George A. Davidson

Richard De Cost

E. S. Dolliver

Lawrence Dolliver

Elliott Drisko

John P. Dundon

James H. Earl

Walter J. Eastman

Myron Eck

William K. Edwards

William Ferguson

Lawrence E. Finnegan

John M. Fisher

James E. Foster

Paul K. Gardner, Jr.

Daniel Gilbert

Hugh D. Grandin

Calvin C. Goodrich

Arthur B. Grinham

David S. Hager

James M. Hager

Richard J. Halliday

Donald M. Hart

Robert Heaton

Douglas Heck

Leon Heck

Gordon P. Hentz

Gerald R. Holsclaw

David J. Hopwood
Thomas Hopwood
Frank Houk

George A. Jennings
Alfred S. Jones
Howard A. Johnson
Lester Johnson

Urban V. Kerr
Clark L. Kester
Curt Kester
Lola Kirby
Robert J. Kirby
John Kragh
Korolyn M. Krakoski
William R. Krausmann

Richard W. Leach
Robert E. Lee
George M. Lenz
Raymond F. Lester
*Lon Liebrand
Bruce Lockhart
*Robert P. Lougeauy
Everett Lush
Robert A. Lytle

Robert Mabon
Edward Mangan
Stephen Manong
Herbert Martan
Clifford Martin
Robert McCarthy
Edwin McKeehan
Frederick R. McKeehan
John H. McKeehan
Wilbur McKeehan

Charles McLean
John E. McLean
Kenneth G. Meloon
Albert Mesler
Richard R. Merner
Edward W. Mills
John Henry Morris
William Morris
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Wm. S. Morton, Jr.

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John Nelson
Lincoln B. Newson

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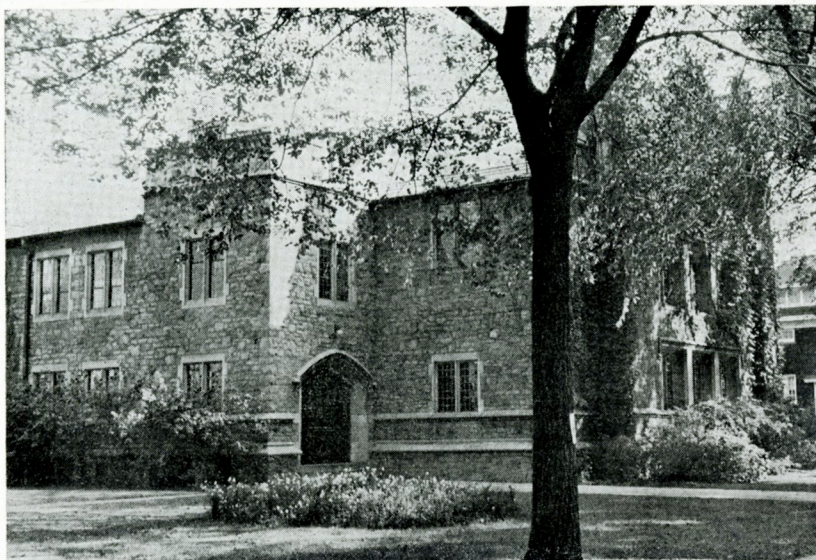
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Arthur H. Pethybridge, Jr.
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Benjamin Rice
Edward Rice
James R. Rice
Chas. A. Rushton
George Rushton
Mildred M. Rushton

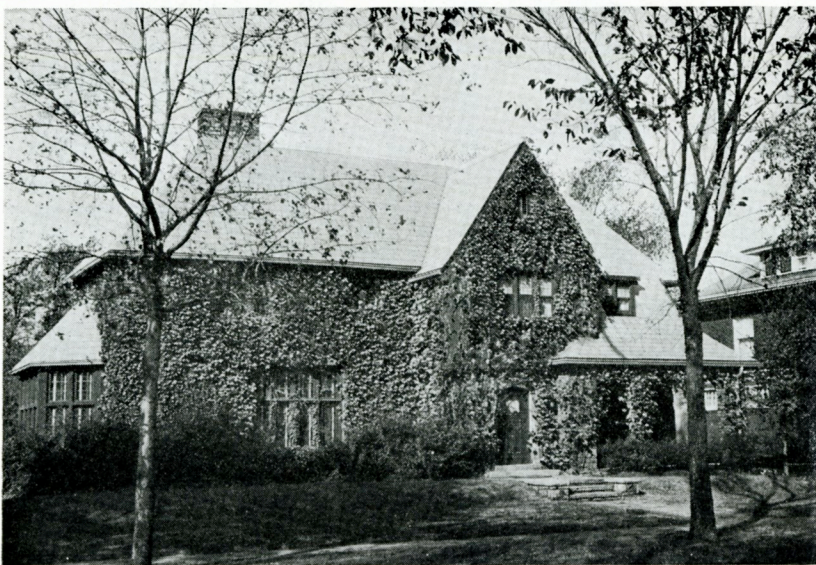
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William Schultz
Frederick Schumacher
John Sharp
Arthur L. Shaw
Reginald Shepherd
Robert Shoebridge



SPIRES OF ST. PAUL'S, 1948



ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY HOUSE, 1948



PARSONAGE, 1948

Dudley P. Smith
Gerald L. Smith
William K. Smith
William T. Smith
James Spence
Lyle D. Spencer
Grenfell Stahlman

Marjorie Taylor
Roger Thielking

Donald Umholtz

William Victory
Thomas Van Brocklin
Roger C. Van Buskirk

Jack Waggoner
Orville C. Wagner
*Alvin Wallace
Ray H. Walls

Robert L. Walls
*James A. Walmsley
John T. Walmsley
Robert E. Walmsley
William L. Walmsley
Griffith Washburn
Edgar Watts
Charles Weitbrecht
William H. Weslar
Irving West
James S. Whittaker
James Wicker
John Wicker
Melvin Wigle
Eugene M. Wilcox
Roy H. Williams
J. S. Wills
Robert Wilson
Robert Wiltse
Ralph D. Young